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Dean Whitehouse of Washburn to Handle Recital.

Topekans will have the opportunity of hearing Fritz Kreisler, "the master of the violin." This famous musician, who came to this country for a concert tour following a wound received while with his regiment in the trenches in the battles before Lemberg which caused his discharge, had one open date between his engagement at Kansas City and Omaha. Horace Whitehouse, dean of the department of fine arts of Washburn college, secured Kreisler for a recital at the Grand Opera house on this open date, Saturday night, March 13.



Fritz Kreisler, Who Comes to Topeka March 13.

Kreisler's present tour is the musical sensation of this country. In New York, Chicago, Boston—in fact wherever he has appeared—the largest audiences of the season have greeted him. Packed houses have gone wild with enthusiasm. This is not just the sayings of his manager but it is a fact that has been reported by the newspapers and the musical journals.

Perhaps the fact that the world's greatest violinist left the concert stage to join his regiment and go to the front, only to be seriously wounded by a Cossack's lance, has called attention to him. But it has been his wonderful gift as a musician, and not his war record, that has held audiences spellbound while he played. It has been this wonderful gift that brought the ovations when he had finished his numbers.

Kreisler decided, from his experiences at the front, that there is something radically wrong with modern life and methods of living. His own experience and the experiences of the men with whom he was on the battle line, showed him that physical conditions improved enormously under hardships which are almost unbelievable. He and the men with him grew stronger, keener and harder. Telling about this recently he said:

"In the trenches we were generally without food, several times for three days at a stretch. I have more than once licked the dew from the grass to moisten my throat because I could get nothing to drink. The roads were impassable and the supply trains moved only with great difficulty at the outset of the war. Somehow, the physical discomfort—that is a tame word to apply—does you no harm. Indeed, you feel better physically. I am of a nervous temperament. I would never have given myself credit before for being able to get through what I went through. But when I was in it, I found it did me no harm. On the contrary it improved me in

some ways. For instance, my eyesight was far better on the battlefield than it ever was before. I could see like a hawk, for long distances; better than I can now. My nerves disappeared. The horrible, shocking sights that were seen hourly did not affect me as much as some letter I get now from a friend or well wisher expressing sympathy."

Seen From the Gallery

BY HARVEY PARSONS.

At the termination of the "Truscott bill" passage in the senate, the sergeant-at-arms ordered half a dozen extra buckets to carry out the weeps and eloquence that had been spilled during the long afternoon. A few senators—and they were indeed feebly restrained themselves and didn't explain their votes, but it was open season on oratory, sophistry and sobriety. The sergeant and his squad had the floor mopped by the time the senators returned for the night session, to obviate the danger that they would get their feet wet and croak with pneumonia.

Economy—the administration brand of economy—got another kick in the floating ribs when the house committee refused to accept the senate judicial reappointment bill. The idea was to save a few hales of sacred kush by canning a number of district judges and loading their dockets with other district judges. The judges who were chosen to assume the extra burden did not howl above a whisper, but the judges who were marked for amputation from their jobs were not so bedashed quiet about it. In fact, one might have suspected from what they said that the bill was not satisfactory to them. Neither was it satisfactory to about eleven dozen friends of these judges, so there will be no judicial reappointment THIS time.

Sheridan county is represented in the house by a Kentuckian, who, being a Kentuckian, is naturally a Democrat. He was county attorney of Sheridan up to and including the day before he started to Topeka as representative, one job almost overlapping onto the other. W. H. Clark is the name of this lawyer person, and the reports indicate that his election by a small margin occurred in a Republican county. However, the extra dozen or so whose votes sent him to represent the county should be satisfied with this work, as he has shown ability in his new job. His principal activities have been along legal lines, in which he is particularly efficient, and his legal ability may be due to his early training. Back in Kentucky he studied law in the same office with Ollie James, which was the office of James Senior, one of the leading legal lights of the Bluegrass state.



From Kentucky and Sheridan County.

The gentleman from Sheridan has made a hit with one faction of the house by the able way in which he hangs it onto speakers of the opposition. He does it with the grace and elegance of a school teacher decorating a Christmas tree—not with long, time-killing speeches, but with pertinent questions injected at the psychological moment.

When Mr. Clark gets through legislating, he will return to Hoxie and enter the general law practice. He has been in the state only six years but had built up an extensive practice in three or four counties around Sheridan before he was elected county attorney.

Up to a late hour this afternoon the tall gentleman from Sheridan had escaped the bonds of matrimony. In Hoxie he is known as an old bachelor, although he is neither old nor his own cook, and if any of the eligible girls in this town have harpooned him, he is keeping quiet about it.

FOR COLLEGE FARMER.

State Senate Endorses Klein County Farm Bureau.

The state senate last night gave its endorsement to the college farmer, over the protest of several of the real farmers in its number, by passing the Klein bill for the support of county farm bureaus. The bill will enable Kansas to take advantage of the terms of the Smith-Lever appropriation from the federal government, if it meets with like success in the house of representatives.

By its terms the county commissioners are authorized to appropriate from \$800 to \$1600 a year if 25 per cent of the farmers of a county agree to contribute \$800 and enter into a county bureau organized under the direction of the State Agricultural college. The money shall be used for the employment and expenses of a county agent to be recommended by the college.

"I declared Senator Harry Gray of Russell county, one of the active opponents of the bill, 'am against all these new fangled ideas. I have experienced a little with them and always to my sorrow.'"

The senator from Russell then related a memorable passage in Kansas wheat history in which he took part, related to a Chicago man who, in 1891, advised Kansas farmers to hold their wheat for a dollar. Some who were hard pressed cash sold it in and fell at 50 cents. Gray was among the thousands who held theirs until

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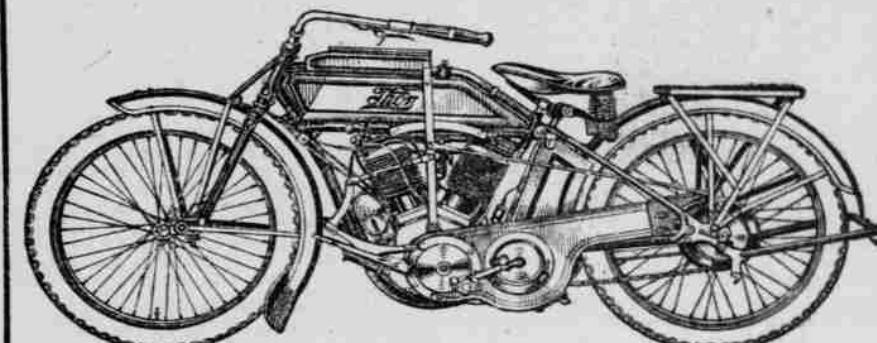
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In Allen county, from which Senator Klein comes, a county bureau has been maintained with such success that arrangements are being made to hire a second expert to assist the one now on duty. He is enthusiastic for the plan. That the success of a bureau depends much upon the agent who handles it was indicated by the assertion it has failed in Anderson and other counties, made in the course of last night's discussion.



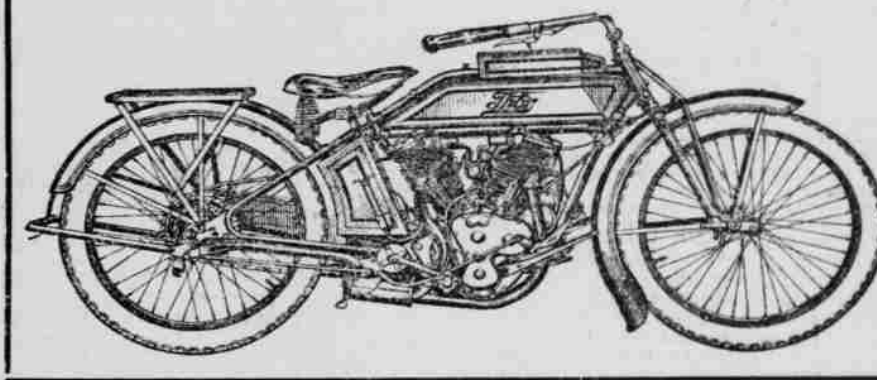
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